Test helps students plan for college

Mrs. H. P. James, Counselor at Appomattox County High School, has announced that students taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/-NMSQT) on October 21, will benefit from additional services in 1980. These services are designed to provide students with more information about the content and uses of the test.

Students who plan to take the 1980 PSAT/NMSQT will receive a complete sample test for practice, along with an answer key and scoring instructions. When scores are reported in December, each student will receive a Report of Student Answers, including the correct answer, as well as the answers the student gave. To allow students to refer to the original questions, schools will return test booklets with scores. Students will continue to receive ABOUT YOUR SCORES, a booklet of general inforamtion on college planning.

The PSAT/NMSQT is cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. It is administered annually to more than one million students and measures verbal and mathematical abilities that are important in college work.

The PSAT/NMSQT gives students a chance to find out what the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is like, and helps them in planning for college; further, students who opt to participate in the College Board Student Search Service have an opportunity to hear from colleges that they might not otherwise learn about. The PSAT/NMSQT is also the qualifying test for students who wish to participate in the nationwide scholarship competition s administered by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Oakville news

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith over the weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Smith, Virginia Beach, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith and boys, Barry and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Smith and son, Joel, Lynchburg, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds, and Michelle, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Davis, Richmond, Va., Miss Byrdie Harvey and Mrs. Vernelle Mitchell.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Marshall Martin is suffering from a kidney ailment and inner ear trouble. Hope she will soon be well.

Those attending the U.D.C. Meeting at Natural Bridge last week were: Mrs. O. W. Martin, Mrs. Alton Moore, Mrs. Harriet Cunningham.

Mrs. Tommy Drinkard and Mrs. Wayne Irby went to Lancaster, Pennsylvania last week for a few days.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. "Bob" Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Bentley Martin and Gregg of Lynchburg, Va. Others calling in the p.m. were Mrs. Graydon Martin, Mrs. Hubbard Moore, Mrs. Mason Bantam.

WINNING TEAM MEMBERS — (l to r) Ray Cheatham, Dennis Stratton (top individual scorer) and Robert Coleman.

THIRD PLACE TEAM — (l to r) Roger Walton, Glenn McClenny and Cecil Jacobs.

Appomattox chapter named winner in forestry contest

The Hub Federation of Future Farmers of America held its annual Forestry Judging Contest in Appomattox Oct. 9.

Fourteen teams representing the schools in Amherst, Campbell and Appomattox counties participated in the event. The team from Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter was declared the winner of the contest at the awards program, following a cookout.

Ray Cheatham, Dennis Stratton and Robert Coleman composed the winning team in a contest which tested each participant's ability at tree identification, forest management and estimating board foot volume of standing trees.

Dennis Stratton obtained the highest individual score and Robert Coleman was second. Roger Walton, Glenn McClenny and Cecil Jacobs also represented the Appomattox Sr. FFA and placed third in the contest.

The contest was set up and conducted by Wayne Bowman, Bob Frey and David Dmith of the Virginia Division of Forestry, Westvaco, Continental Can Corp., Virginia Fibre, Evington Woodyard, Owens-Illinois, Chesapeake Corp. and the Appomattox FFA Alumni sponsored the awards program and cookout which followed the contest.

Birthdays celebrated

Mr. Jimmy Chernault and Mr. Clark Chernault celebrated their birthday on Sunday, October 12 at the home of their mother, Mrs. Janie Chernault on Church Street.

Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and fellowship together.

Guests attending included: Mr. Henry Chernault, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson, all of Appomattox; out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. George Craddock, Mr. G. W. and Eddie Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craddock, Misses Amy and Angelia Bailey of Virginia Beach; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Craddock and Greg McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Rocky McCormick; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burge, Robin, Jeffrey and Timmy Burge; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell McMinn, Mrs. Kathy Nichols and Brandy all of Lynchburg; Mrs. Lindy Hamlett, Mrs. Wayne East and Mrs. Garey Agee all of Farmville, Va.

Shower honors bride-elect

Miss Debra Stratton, bride elect, was honored when Mrs. Joe Vaughan, a co-worker at the Virginia Baptist Hospital was cohostess with other coworkers at the hospital for a miscellaneous bridal shower at the Vaughan home, Mrs. Vaughan will be an attendant in the forthcoming wedding of Miss Stratton to Mr. Joe Dawson on October 25 at the Quaker Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg.

The planned color scheme for the wedding, burgundy and oyster white, was carried out in the decorations in the Vaughan home. Miss Stratton was presented a corsage and received a variety of lovely gifts.

During the evening, Mrs. Vaughan was surprised by her co-workers with a 'house-warming' gift for her new home.

Church services slated

Evangelistic services are planned for Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, beginning Oct. 16. The church is located on Route 460 four miles east of Lynchburg.

The services will begin each night at 7:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be Rev. Samuel McGee, with special singing Thursday by the Richard Routon family. Friday night singing will be rendered by the Rosa Lawson Family, and the Three-in-one quartet from Concord on Friday night.

On Oct. 18 there will be a fellowship supper at 6 p.m. for the entire community

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NAACP Queen's Contest closes Sunday

The annual queen's contest sponsored by the local branch of the NAACP will come to a close this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the Jordan Baptist Church. The guest speaker will be Dr. Haywood Robinson, pastor of the Diamond Hill Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va. Each local church in the county has been invited to take a part in the contest. The public is invited to the program.

A very large crowd attended the musical program sponsored by the Golden Trumpteers at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7 p.m. The program was sponsored by the church. All present enjoyed the program.

The local Promise Land community was saddened Saturday morning to hear of the death of Mr. Bert E. Hancock. He had been in declining health for several months. Funeral service will be conducted at the Promise Land Church, Tuesday, October 14 at 4 p.m.

Impressive service was held at the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday at 11 a.m. The Rev. Albert Davis was the guest speaker.

The general public is invited to attend the anniversary of the Gospel Entertainers this Sunday at 3 p.m. Deacon Calvin Elliott director and leader will serve as master of ceremony.

A special appreciation program will be given in honor of Mrs. Theder Harris of Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church this fourth Sunday with an all day service. Mrs. Georgia Fleshman is chairman of the program. The public is invited to attend.

We are happy to report that the sick of the community are improving.

The public is invited to attend the regular worship service at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday at 11 a.m. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. will be the guest speaker and the holy communion will be served.

Reverends Albert Davis and R. Q. Lawing Sr. were the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harvey last Sunday.

Pamplin Methodist men to hold stew

The Pamplin United Methodist Men of the Pamplin Charge will be having a stew at the Pamplin Fire House this Saturday, Oct. 18.

They will begin serving at 4:00 p.m. You can buy stew by the quart or gallon. You can eat it there or take it with you.

Along with the stew will be pies available by the slice or whole. The funds raised from the stew will as always be given to U.U.M.A.R., The United Methodist Agency for the Retarded.

Don't forget! Oct. 18, 4 p.m. at the Pamplin Fire House. See you there!

Pamplin volunteers show fire engine

The Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department provided Pamplin Elementary School kindergarten and first grade students with a closer look at a fire engine on Tuesday, October. 7.

The activity was planned by Ms. Dianne Henderson, K teacher, and Mrs. Donna Terry, teacher of the first grade, in connection with Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. Herman Richardson brought the fire engine to the school for a demonstration that students found exciting and informative.

The fire department works very cooperatively with the school and provides a vital service to the community.

Participates in fashion show

Bauder Fashion College is pleased to announce that Miss De Ann Wooten, a graduate of ACHS, is participating in the production of the Phipps Plaza Holiday Fashion Show.

The show will be located in Phipps Plaza, an exclusive mall anchored by Saks Fifth Avenue and Lord and Taylor.

Miss De Ann Wooten is presently serving on the modeling committee for the show, which is to be held Saturday, November 1 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited.

'Snow Queen' pageant underway

Plans are being made to hold a Snow Queen Pageant on Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School auditorium.

Anyone interested in participating should contact either Nancy Elder (352-5311), Ruby Roach (352-8662), Cheryl LeGrand (352-8545) or Vicky Lucado (352-7093).

Participates in fashion show

Merry Wright of Apomattox, was recently selected from among the merchandising majors at Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia, to participate in the Oct. 3 fashion extravaganza "American Directions" sponsored by the Belk department stores.

With a background of disco music, striking sets and superb lighting effects, this fast moving show was directed and choreographed by Ms. Becky Vandegriff, Fashion Coordinator of the Belk Stores.

Approximately 150 outfits of varied designs and colors were shown to a standing-room-only audience at the Harrison-Jones Memorial Hall on the college campus.

Appreciative applause followed each of the eight scenes in the show, and the evening ended with a standing ovation from the enthusiastic crowd.

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The third energy cycle, with natural gas and petroleum as our major energy sources, we define as lasting from 1920 to the present. Each cycle occurred as a better, more convenient fuel replaced the fuel that had been in use.

There were several significant things that occurred during cycle three that warrant a more detailed look at this period so we can understand what seemed to be the sudden energy crisis of 1973.

First, in the initial stages of this cycle, the rate of our energy usage was not much different from that of earlier cycles. But in the late 1940's, this rate of growth took an upward surge so great that about every twenty years we were doubling the total amount of energy used in this country. In 1960, the rate of growth in energy usage became even higher.

Second, up until 1950 we were actually a net exporter of oil and natural gas. However, after that time were no longer able to meet our own increasing demand for energy with our own country's resources. We began to import oil to meet this additional demand.

Third, in 1970 the production of oil in this country peaked and started a slow decline. This was followed in 1973 by a peak in the production of natural gas. By "peaking" we mean that we can no longer get oil and gas out of the ground at the same rate we used to.

Because we were using more and more energy, our oil production had peaked and we were importing oil, we became subject to energy supply disruptions by the countries from which we were importing. In 1973, such an interruption in oil supplies took place.

We are now being forced into a fourth cycle of energy use not because a better fuel is replacing oil and gas, but simply because of the supply situation.

History of Foreign Oil

To better understand the problems associated with our heavy reliance on imported oil, we must have an understanding of the history of the development of foreign oil.

Many of the earth's oil resources were discovered in underdeveloped countries which had oil, but not the means to get it or use it. In the 1920's these countries allowed international oil panies to come in and develop their oil fields. The host country shared in the profits for the oil, which was shipped primarily to European and American markets.

American-based companies, with the help of the U. S. government, were very successful in obtaining agreements with the oil-producing countries. Eventually, a seven-member cartel (the "Seven Sisters"- Exxon, Mobil, Shell, British Petroleum, Socal, Texaco and Gulf) controlled most of the world's oil industry, setting production and price levels.

In the late 1950's an oversupply of oil led the oil companies to reduce prices. The corresponding reduction in fees paid to host countries caused one of them, Venezuela, to approach the Middle Eastern governments about forming a producers' organization. In 1960, OPEC (Organization of Petroleium Exporting Countries) was born.

OPEC's membership gradually increased during the 1960's, but as long as the supply of oil exceeded the demand, it had no bargaining power.

In 1970, Libya was able to negotiate a 30c/barrel price increase with a relatively small independent oil company that did not have the power of the Seven Sisters behind it.

That one small crack in the oil companies' control of prices eventually widened until the monopoly was shattered. Libya followed up with price increases for other oil companies, and OPEC started bargaining for price increases for all its members.

The average price per barrel of oil went from $1.80 in 1970 to $3.01 in 1973. By then, we were dependent on oil imports and had to accept the price hikes.

On October 6, 1973, Syria and Egypt invaded Israel. Because of our friendship with Israel, OPEC placed an embargo on oil to this country. In a few months the embargo was lifted, but prices began a steady rise. They went from $11.65 per barrel in 1974 to about $29.00 per barrel in 1979.

In spite of the oil embargo, the rapidly increasing prices of oil and the danger of future interruptions of imported oil, the percentage of oil we import has continued to rise. In 1965, we imported 21 percent of the oil we used. In 1974, that figure was up to 37 percent; in 1976, it was 42 percent; and in 1978, it was 44 percent.

As a result, our energy problem concerns both the impending end of the age of petroleum and our current dependence on foreign oil.

References: "Oil & Money: How OPEC Changes the Wealth of Nations," by E. Willard Miller in Focus (Vol. 30, No. 2), a publication of the American Geographical Society.

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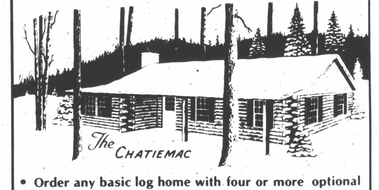

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